

3 March 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Resume of Bomb Damage from 7, 8 and 11 February
Airstrikes Against North Vietnam

1. The following is the summary of physical damage resulting from the earlier air strikes against North Vietnam which you requested.

7 February

2. The Dong Hoi complex, consisting of 15 separate areas, was the only target. Nine of these areas were hit. The entire complex contains approximately 115 barracks, 145 storage/support buildings, 44 administrative buildings, 16 mess halls, and several miscellaneous buildings. Results of the bombing were: One building destroyed, 10 damaged and 17 burning when the area was photographed immediately after the strike. A small village .8 of a mile west of Dong Hoi suffered one destroyed and four damaged buildings. OVERALL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT -- very light.

8 February

3. Primary target was the Chap Le Barracks, south of Dong Hoi. This complex consists of four areas; two were struck. All four areas contain a total of more than 45 buildings. In one area with approximately 25 buildings and numerous support sheds, four were destroyed, 16 were damaged, and two were burning according to photography of 8 February. In the other area which was struck, three buildings out of five were destroyed, and nine vehicle retsments of 13 were damaged.

4. On the same date, one area of the Vinh Linh Barracks, south of Dong Hoi, was hit resulting in four destroyed and 14 heavily damaged buildings out of a total of 43 buildings and numerous sheds. According to the photography of 8 February, some damage was also inadvertently inflicted on the town of Vinh Linh, several miles south of Chap Le. OVERALL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT -- moderate.

11 February

5. The Chanh Hoa Barracks, north of Dong Hoi, along with the previously struck Chap Le Barracks, were the targets on this date. Chanh Hoa consists of four areas with a total of 215 buildings of all types. No comprehensive photographic evaluation has been published on this strike. However, NPIC, at our request, is now compiling figures along the lines of paragraphs 1 and 2. Limited photography of Chanh Hoa, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and initial pilot reports indicate almost 85% destruction in one area and moderate damage in other areas. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicates that a small barracks area southwest of Chap Le, consisting of 18 buildings, sustained five destroyed, and three lightly damaged buildings. No assessment of the second strike on the Chap Le Barracks is presently available.

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